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1. Up to November 1953, the original buildings of Transporta, National Enterprise, were located on the northwestern edge of Chrudim, between the Medlesice (050/M78)-Chrudim road and the rail line from Chrudim to Pardubice.. The group of buildings extended for 300 meters along this rail line.
2. New buildings were being erected west of the original factory, between the Chrudim-Pardubice rail line and the Chrudim-Tribirchy (050/M78) state road. Construction of new workshops began in 1951 and new buildings were still being constructed in November 1953.
3. The factory produced welded turrets for light tanks and probably turrets for armored cars. Other products included all kinds of steel conveyor belts of various dimensions, steam boilers, heating furnaces, boiler equipment, gas tanks for vehicles, coal handling equipment for boilers, elevators, crane crabs, travelling cranes, "lizards" (mobile conveyors), steel tracks for tanks, and tractors. The plant also produced all kinds of conveyor equipment and was the only factory manufacturing this equipment in Czechoslovakia; the factory was always in production.
4. From 1,000 to 1,500 persons were employed at the factory. Only tested Communists were employed; non-Communists were not allowed in the factory. Three shifts were worked. Employees commuted from their homes to the factory by bus and train.
5. There were probably a large number of Soviet engineers in the factory, as it was under Soviet supervision.
6. Most of the houses near the factory, outside the factory enclosure, had been taken over for offices.
7. Materials, pig iron, and moulds were stored in the open and became damaged. Finished products were stored in an open yard.

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